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Dear Mr. Joyce:

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSIONS TO THE FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT
(FFA) SCHEDULE, MARINE CORPS AIR STATION (MCAS) EL TORO**

This is in response to your letter dated September 30, 1997 in which you have requested that Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) approve extensions of six deadlines set forth in Appendix A of the FFA for MCAS El Toro. The Department of Navy (DON) has granted an extension for the regulatory agencies to allow for more than the seven-day response time prescribed in the FFA to allow the BRAC Cleanup Team (BCT) members to meet and discuss the proposed new schedule. Based on your letter and the BCT meeting held on October 9, 1997, the extensions are needed because an agreement has not been reached between DON and Orange County Water District regarding a joint multi-purpose groundwater project. Extensions of the project completion deadlines are necessary to support these ongoing negotiations. Also, the proposed new schedule dates incorporate the full review and concurrence process identified in the FFA and a sixty-day public comment period due to the anticipated high level of public involvement.

The specific deadlines for which you have requested extensions are:

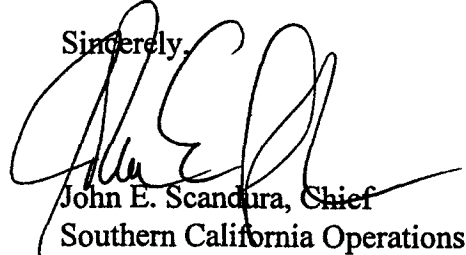
- 1) OU-1, Site 18 Draft Final Interim Action Feasibility Study - 2-month extension.
- 2) OU-1, Site 18 Re-Draft Proposed Plan (PP) - 5-month extension.
- 3) OU-1, Site 18 Draft Interim Record of Decision (ROD) - 9-month extension.
- 4) OU-2A, Site 24 Draft Final Feasibility Study - 2-month extension.
- 5) OU-2A, Site 24 Draft PP - 5-month extension.
- 6) OU-2A, Site 24 Draft ROD - 9-month extension.

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DTSC finds a good cause exists for the requested extensions of the FFA schedule pursuant to Section 9.2(g) of the FFA. Therefore, the requested extensions are hereby granted for OU-1 and OU-2A. The new due date for OU-1 draft final IAFS and OU-2A draft final FS is December 5, 1997. Also, the new due date for OU-1 re-draft PP and OU-2A Draft PP is March 11, 1998. As for OU-1 draft Interim ROD and OU-2A draft ROD, DTSC does not agree that the draft Responsiveness Summary documents are to be submitted separate from the draft RODs. They should be submitted at the same time by January 5, 1999.

We look forward to working with you to facilitate cleanup efforts at Marine Corps Air Station El Toro. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Tayseer Mahmoud at (562) 590-4891.

Sincerely,



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